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MLK Day: a look back on his impact

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The assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968 created a wide spectrum of reactions during the height of the civil rights movement.

Race riots occurred in Washington D.C., Chicago, and dozens of other cities around the United States.

In the small, rural town of Waverly, Iowa, students and faculty at Wartburg College, a predominantly white school at the time, organized a memorial service in the chapel, according to former Wartburg student Shawn Akbar's research paper "Black Students at Wartburg College, 1968-1972."

After the service the students and faculty marched on Bremer Ave., Akbar wrote, and that several from Waverly joined in.

The effect of King's death and his legacy began to have an impact on Wartburg during the next school year.

Classes in black history were developed and taught by members of the faculty, and black student groups were formed on campus, although Akbar notes that none of them were officially recognized by the college or Student Senate at the time.

The admissions office also began making more of an effort to recruit minority students.

By the time Dr. Edith Waldstein arrived on campus in the fall of 1969 for her freshman year,



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African-American students on campus, which is way less than we have today, but they were very visible and they raised a lot

of issues on campus," Waldstein said.

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the size of the black student body on campus had grown to a more noticeable size.

"There were about 35

New state law results in higher number of gun permits

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The number of non-professional permits to carry a weapon nearly doubled in Bremer County in 2011 thanks to a new state law that limits the grounds that sheriff's offices can use to deny permits.

Bremer County issued 939 permits to carry in 2011, an increase of over 300 from 2010 when 498 permits were issued.

Bremer County Sheriff Dave Hildebrandt said the new law has allowed people with a criminal history to still acquire a permit for a firearm.

"We are issuing a lot of permits

to people with criminal records," Hildebrandt said. "These people have made some bad decisions. When do they make those decisions while carrying a weapon?"

The new law still has restrictions for who is not allowed to carry a weapon. Anyone who has been convicted of a felony or had a conviction for domestic assault cannot be issued a permit.

Hildebrandt said he believed that the main reason for the increase in permits issued was due to the relaxed restrictions.

"I don't believe there's been a change in people's motivation," Hildebrandt said.

To get a permit, a person needs



to go into the sheriff's office and make an application, do some training and clear a background check.

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Professor, students react to Iowa caucus

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Eight votes separated the top two Republican presidential hopefuls in the closest caucus finish in Iowa's history. That battle played out in Bremer County as well.

Dr. Fred Waldstein said Waverly and its surrounding areas are a good political model for the rest of the state.

"It isn't a city, but Waverly is still an urban center," Waldstein said. "It isn't that surprising a moderate like Romney found a lot of popularity here."

It was Mitt Romney, former Governor of Massachusetts, who did beat former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum in the general caucus and in the county. Texas Representative Ron Paul came in third overall.

Surprising to Waldstein was the quick rise of Santorum. He said social conservatives have done well in Iowa in the past, but Santorum gained a lot of momentum late in the race by hitting the road.

"His rise shows the power of retail politics. He visited all 99 counties in Iowa. At the start, he had few visitors to his townhall meetings. But, his persistence won over a lot of rural Iowa," Waldstein said.

Fourth year Katherine Seyfer, who supported Romney when he ran in 2008, has moved to the Ron Paul camp. She caucused in Iowa City and met other college students who support Paul.

The 76 year old has been gaining in popularity with a much stronger showing in Iowa and New Hampshire this year than in 2008. Seyfer said she supports Paul because he has a level of integrity rarely seen in politics today.

"I honestly believe him when he says he will reduce spending and put forth a non-interventionist foreign policy," Seyfer said.

She said her family went

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Faculty, administration helped lead the way

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The most visible issue at that time on campus were the protests for the Vietnam War, Waldstein said. However, Akbar wrote that during 1971 Winter Term, a poll went out to the student body concerning major issues of the time.

The results showed that the student body, still primarily white, was aware of the challenges facing minorities students.

Of the students who responded to the poll, 84 percent "said that social and educational opportunities were worse for minorities than for whites," Akbar wrote.

While the students recognized the higher difficulties for minority students, this did not equate to zero tension between black and white students on campus.

At the beginning of the 1971-72 school year, a drunk white student vandalized the Black Cultural Center while yelling racial epithets, Akbar wrote.

In the wake of this and other incidents, a resolution was passed by the students and the Council of Religious Life to "alleviate the sickness of racism on our campus

and in the Waverly community."

During Waldstein's time on campus, she said she never experienced any of the conflict between black and white students that Akbar reported in his paper.

"There was interracial dating... there were African-American students in leadership positions on campus," Waldstein said. "I don't want to paint an unrealistic picture, but I never experienced any kind of tension between students."

Although conflicts occurred, the Wartburg faculty and staff at the time, as well as then-president John Bachman, made efforts to create a college accepting of all races.

Waldstein pointed to the administrative leadership during times of racial unrest on campus as a major reason Wartburg is as diverse as it is today.

"President Bachman was a strong leader, he had a vision for the college," Waldstein said, speaking about the policies put in place during Bachman's time as president.

"I think that once you make that kind of commitment, someone has to work hard to undo it."

All weapons must be kept in security office locker

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Despite the increase in permits, students are still not allowed to have weapons on Wartburg's campus, said John Myers, director of campus security and safety.

"Wartburg college is private property so we can control what people bring in," Myers said. "Regardless of what the state allows, we have a no weapons policy. If you have a concealed weapons permit, it is not in effect on campus."

All weapons on campus are to be stored in the security office. If a student comes in with a weapon, they are escorted by security either to or from their vehicle with a security officer.

"It's not that we don't trust them, it's that we don't want to

create an undue alarm if someone walks into the Student Center with a shotgun, even if it's cased," Myers said.

Myers said there are no firearms in the weapons case in the security office. He said currently there are swords, daggers and bows and arrows in the case. There were firearms stored in the security office during hunting season in the fall.

Myers said if they receive a tip that a student has a weapon in their room, they always address it immediately and sometimes involve law enforcement.

If a student is unclear of the definition of a weapon, Myers said they should consult the student handbook.

Burst pipe in Clinton dorm room leads to relocation



Submitted photo

Mold grew on the walls and floor of Clinton 125 after a water pipe burst during Christmas break.

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A malfunctioning pipe in a Clinton Hall dorm room caused the displacement of two freshmen shortly after Christmas break and destroyed much of what they had at Wartburg College.

Kylie Einck was one of the two women Wartburg called after maintenance found the broken pipe over break. Einck said her room was covered in mold when she returned.

"Almost everything was destroyed," Einck said. "Luckily the college and insurance is taking care of just about everything, but it was really bad when we saw it. It was on the beds, the walls, just everywhere."

The college told the roommates that a steam pipe burst. The pipe covered the room in water and it remained undisturbed over break, allowing mold to grow.

Einck and her roommate have been moved into another room permanently. As the college is still having trouble placing

every student in a dorm room, the roommates are living in the old Academic Resource Center room.

Einck said replacing everything she had at school is taking some time. Much of what she owned at college was destroyed and some is now at higher risk of breaking since the exposure to a lot of water.

"I tried my laptop, which was in the room over break, when I got back and it worked. The school is still replacing it though because

all the water in the room is probably going to be the reason it eventually stops working," Einck said.

She said Wartburg is taking care of everything. They are also replacing her refrigerator despite the fact that Einck said it was in okay condition.

Einck said the room is uninhabitable and likely will be until Wartburg finishes cleaning the room. For now, she said she's comfortable in her new room.

Candidates for vacant admin position visit campus

feedback as part of the search committee's effort to replace Menzel.

Per the request of President Colson, the names of the candidates are being kept within the Wartburg community in order to keep the candidates from experiencing any backlash at their current jobs.

A third candidate is scheduled to visit campus.

There is no timetable for when a selection will be made to fill the position.

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Students are split on their opinions about candidates

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together to caucus in Iowa City. Her mother and brother also support Paul while her father stands by Romney.

Some college students she knows back home are supporters of former House speaker Newt Gingrich. Seyer is skeptical of him, saying he touts family values but cheated on his wife.

Third year Craig Gauerke, a Democrat and Ron Paul supporter, said Gingrich may be one of the more reasonable candidates.

"As speaker of the House, he opposed Clinton on things but he also got bills passed. Even if compromise is a dirty word for Republicans these days, he knows how to get things done," Gauerke said.

The New Hampshire primary finished with a commanding win for Romney, who won almost 40 percent of the vote. Paul came in second while Santorum trailed far behind with eight percent.

Next up is the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21. Since 1980, every winner there has gone on to receive the GOP nomination.

OPINION & EDITORIAL

WORD FROM THE WISE:

Campus notifications

Why you hear what you do, when you do

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It is never encouraging to see a student or colleague in trouble, and each of us wishes for the least amount of publicity when such incidents occur.



Still, we want to know that we are safe and reassure our communities that they, too, are safe and that such occurrences are infrequent and do not represent who we are.

Our goal is to provide as much relevant information to the campus as possible, in as timely a fashion as possible, with great care for the preservation of truth and privacy. Safety is the prime directive.

Incidents as varied as weather, property damage and on and off-campus threats might prompt a campuswide announcement.

Moving forward, we have determined to respond proactively to incidents likely to attract considerable attention or speculation. Rather than wait for mainstream or social media to prompt a response, Wartburg now takes the initiative to make campuswide announcements.

The federal Clery Act mandates that colleges notify their communities of any imminent risks or dangers. In the case of a recent allegation of sexual abuse, an investigation ensued that didn't result in an arrest or charge until a month after the incident. In the meantime, campus security and local law enforcement cooperated with one another as they pursued their respective courses of action. Based on the information they gathered, there was not an immediate safety concern to others during that process.

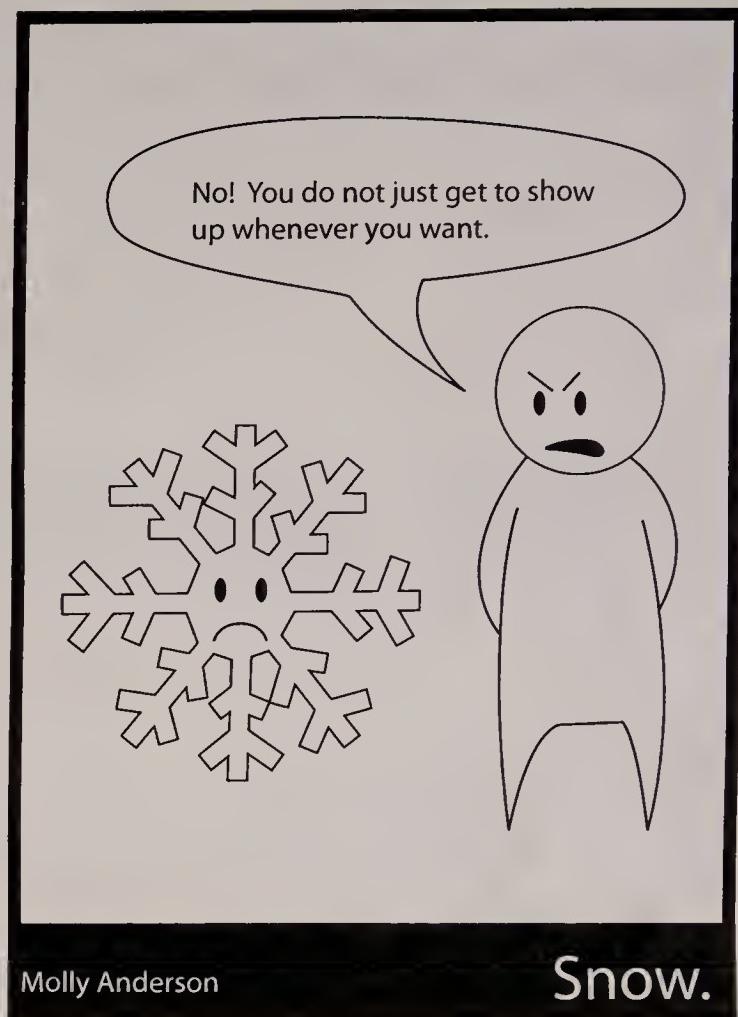
Basic legal concerns counsel against naming an individual as a suspect when no charges have been

filed. So no statement could be issued until the arrest.

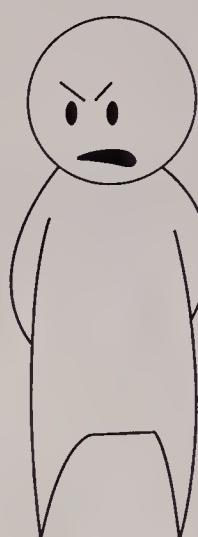
The statement in the case of the so-called "Hamburglar" was a matter of notifying the campus community in a high-profile matter before responding to the media. Put another way, making the statement allowed us to make sure the campus community heard the facts, rather than third-hand speculation or conjecture.

We do not issue statements in every alleged criminal case. We are carefully refining our practice and continuing to adopt a policy for institutional review. Not every single criminal act will come to campus officials' attention.

Our age of high-speed, broad-reaching information carries the risk of bad information spreading quickly. Our proactive approach to participate in the discussion early gives us greater ability to protect students, faculty, staff and the community of Wartburg College.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Your actions reflect on us

Two things have really been bothering me since I graduated and left Wartburg's campus last May.

One thing that has me concerned is the issue of safety on Wartburg's campus.

When I came to Wartburg as a freshman, I felt like it was the safest place in the world.

I remember walking across campus by myself late at night without any worries of anything bad happening.

Now, people aren't even safe in their own dorms. Over the last few years, we've all read articles about people being attacked, laptop thieves and even sexual assaults.

What changed? Why is this

happening?

If things keep getting worse (like they have been), it makes me very nervous for the future students at Wartburg.

Another problem struck me after a chat with an older alum.

We both found ourselves very frustrated at the lack of effort some of our fellow Wartburg alumni have put into their careers.

Going through the motions at work may work for you, but not for the rest of us. That sure isn't what Wartburg taught us to do.

We're expected to excel, and help propel Wartburg's name as a great college. We want to make our degree from Wartburg something

to be proud of.

Instead, some former students are putting negative opinions into employers' minds.

Employers think, "If this is what Wartburg has given me, I'm not sure if I want to hire another grad from there."

What am I trying to say here? You're a part of the Wartburg family.

What you do reflects on all of us, whether you've graduated or are still an undergrad. It's time to step up our standards and make Wartburg's name a good one.

Gabi Miller
Class of 2011

Choice Words

WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

Is this some sort of sick Musical Chairs that I'm playing in the library to find a working computer?
-I'm not having fun...Dear Goat,
Hire another bartender. I sobered up waiting for my drink.
-I'm here to party not wait.Y'know, before Christmas I was definitely in the mood for the music, but I'm happy KWAR staff is back on campus and changed the station back to normal music finally.
-No longer in the spiritI used to want to finish this semester of classes, but then I took an arrow to the knee.
-Doesn't that work in real life?I will be Tebowing the day the Mensa doesn't give me stomach cramps.
-Devout Mensa go-erI honestly can't wait for the Super Bowl purely based on the fact that then every guy I know won't constantly be complaining about one team or the other.
-It's all over my headDear fellow guys,
Want to get a date and potentially follow the 4-year plan? Tell a girl that you have a massive collection of Disney and Pixar films.
-Trust me"I'm actually very proud how well I've been handling my Pinterest addiction thus far."
-Overheard in the K-DitMy mom just discovered the "Poke" button on Facebook. Now she won't stop poking me...
-First world problemsDid you hear the whistler got pulled over again?
-Don't whistle while drivingDid I miss the flannel memo for Friday night?
-I almost miss Ed HardyDear bar-goers,
One word: deodorant. Please use it.
-Sick of the stinkFirst week back at class and it's the first week we get real snow. Really weather?
-I was enjoying sunny and 60OK campus moms, you just need to announce yourselves if you have daughters who are girl scouts. I need my cookies!
-Craving a box of Thin Mints"The most awkward game of hide and seek is the one where nobody is actually looking for you."
-Overheard in the librarySomeone should help the K-Dit workers out and put an extra worker on for the first couple hours on Sunday. They always look so overwhelmed!
-Feeling bad for getting coffeeIs it just me or is walking traffic in the FAC the slowest?
-Get out of the way I have to study!Dear friends,
Before you get all excited to go 'Tebowing' perhaps you should remember planking and approximately how long that was cool.
-No time for another dumb fad

NEWS

Leadership Certificate Program continues to grow as largest academic minor on campus

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Wartburg's Leadership Certificate Program (LCP) has shown consistent growth over the last decade. It is now the largest minor on campus, Dr. Fred Waldstein, director of the institute for leadership education said.

The LCP program at Wartburg currently has 221 students pursuing their leadership certificate, that figure was as high as 244 in May of 2011.

In 2001, the program had just 16 students pursuing their leadership certificate. Waldstein said the increase in the programs numbers because students see the value of it in their education.

"We get a lot of positive feedback from alums who have used their leadership portfolios in job searches," Waldstein said.

Wartburg is one of few colleges that has an LCP program. Beyond that, Waldstein said the program is unique because the students integrate their learning

with their leadership.

"It's not a cookie cutter set of courses," Waldstein said. "We look at leadership in a variety of contexts, not simply in academics."

Justin Denner, who completed the LCP capstone in the fall, said he's learned how to utilize his personality as a leader.

"We have learned that we don't need to change who we are to be a leader," Denner said. "Our individual personality strengths can be utilized in ways to be an effective leader."

Denner is planning to be a teacher and coach after he graduates. He said the skills he acquired in the program will be put to use immediately after graduation.

"The program has made me more aware of the big picture aspects of being a leader," Denner said.

Students have to satisfy several components in order to achieve their leadership certificate. They must do service, group work and



Source: Dr. Fred Waldstein

Molly Anderson/TRUMPET

create a portfolio of their leadership experience.

"I think the portfolio is a huge advantage for the program and for the students because it's that intentional reflection of 'what have I learned?'" Waldstein said. "I've never had a student express regret for having gone through

that process."

In May, the program graduated a record 82 students. In 2001, only one student graduated from the program. This year's program has drawn students from 34 different majors.

The top three majors represented are biology, business

administration and communication arts, which Waldstein said was a reflection of those being among the most popular majors on campus.

Waldstein said he expects by the end of this academic year there will be a record number of students enrolled in the LCP.

Increase in international students creates need for host parents

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Thirteen new international students arrived on campus at the start of this semester. This created a need for more host families for these students.

Anna Epley, manager at the Zesty Orange, has been hosting for several years and said the students really need someone while they are here.

"They can't go home for the holidays and breaks very often, you know, so it's important that they have somewhere they can go and spend time with people they trust, people that care about them," Epley said.

Kevin Roiseland, director of

international student programs, said they have received a number of calls from interested families and anticipate the need to be met.

"We currently need one or two, possibly as alternates but we encourage families that are still interested to contact us soon so we can call them if we need them," Roiseland said.

Roiseland said originally, the roster for the semester was at 18 students.

"Visa denials and other complications resulted in final count of 13 new students which is a new record, I believe, for January new international student enrollment," Roiseland said.

Having all the international students signed up with host

families is something Epley said she would really like to see.

"It's really easy to do, and it's not like they are living with you all the time. We have our house open to them whenever they might need it and we try to celebrate their birthdays with them. Mostly, it's just about letting them know that they have a safe haven, that there are people here who really care about them," Epley said.

Students are come to Waverly from all over the world, and Epley said it can be unnerving to be away from home for a long time.

"They are away from their families and they don't know anybody here. They need a host family, a family they can go to right

now to help them feel safe, feel like they aren't alone," Epley said.

Signing up to be a host family is really a relationship that benefits both the international student and the host family, Epley said.

"When they call me Mom, I feel like I'm stepping in and hopefully I'm letting those kids know that I am their temporary mother until they graduate and we're always here for them. They are like one of my own," Epley

said.

Epley said it's important to keep perspective, even though she said she understands that a lot of people are busy and don't feel like they have the time to be a host family.

"If I sent my children to another country for school, I know I would want them to have a host family they could go to and be comfortable with. You just have to remember that, to put yourself in their shoes," Epley said.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH STUDENT SENATE

Here Is What Happened At Our Last Meeting:

Don Meyer talked to Senate about the "Satellite" Rotary International Club at Wartburg. The next meeting is Thursday, January 19 at 7 a.m. in McCoy West. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations to Reed Pedersen, Walker Wilson and David Grant for being appointed as senators for the remainder of the academic year.

MLK Day is Monday, January 16. Remember to sign up for service activities at the VAC.

Nominate a faculty or staff for an award and have your name entered into a drawing to win one of three \$20 gift certificates to the bookstore. Applications are due February 1st and can be found at: www.wartburg.edu/senate.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 19. Meetings take place at 11:30 a.m. in Buckmaster. Everyone is welcome to join!



Dr. Cynthia Bane, left, talks with Marianne Beck and Phil Hubbard during the Keep on Learning event Jan. 12. Bane is currently giving lectures about mindfulness and how it relates to people's physical health. She will present for two more weeks. The Keep on Learning series meets Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Heritage Ballroom in the Saemann Student Center.

KNIGHTLIFE



Prairies in Iowa make Wartburg gallery debut

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Fields of flowers, dragon flies and open skies add splashes of color to the walls of the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery.

The new exhibit "Enchanted by Prairie" by Bill Witt opened this past Friday with a reception attended by college students and community members.

The photographs are from Witt's book "Enchanted by Prairie" that was published in 2009 by the University of Northern Iowa Press. Witt said he began taking photographs and always had a love of the landscape.

"In Iowa we don't have wilderness in the true sense. We have wild areas and natural lands," Witt said. "Prairies are about the rarest of all. Ninety-nine point eight percent of all the prairies that was once Iowa are all gone."

Scott Hudson, the director of Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery,

said the book was the reason he wanted to bring the exhibit here and the topic is something that is important.

"In a way this is a very experimental exhibit. People are still getting used to the idea of wild lands and nature as being fine art," said Hudson.

Hudson said when he was attending college there really was not a place for ideas like Witt's artwork in the art world and now the environment is finally being embraced in contemporary art.

Hannah Mick, a senior at Waverly Shellrock High School, attended the opening of the gallery exhibit and said she really enjoyed the experience. This was her first visit to an opening.

Bethany Nelson, also a senior from Waverly Shellrock, said she enjoyed looking at the different prairie shots.

"I like the movement and great depth you can see in the photos," Nelson said.

The preparation for a gallery exhibit is different every time depending on the artist, said Hudson.

"An exhibit is like theater. You have this spectacle and you give the gallery visitors something extraordinary," said Hudson. "If we don't give them something extraordinary they don't need us."

Hudson said the gallery is an amazing resource for Wartburg College and the Cedar Valley, but he wishes it could have been a third larger to include more of Witt's works.

Witt said these photos represent 25 years of work. The idea of having an art exhibit or a book never really occurred to him and he said he is still kind of dazed by it.

"I always used to say I did photography of things and people to make my living but the photography and experience of nature was my insanity outlet," Witt said.

Joey Schlachtenhaufen and Tim Mattson stop by the gallery to look at the new exhibit. — Oxana Protchenko

Photographer shares his experiences

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While walking through the village of Bamiyan, Bill Witt saw a little girl kneeling down beside a fresh water canal beating clothes with a stick. At one point she looked up at him and grinned with the stick mid flight and Witt got the picture.

Three months later he returned with photos in hand and went through the village and never saw the little girl.

The last day there he was walking down a lane and looked off across a field and saw a group of girls sitting at the base of a mud wall. Witt pulled out a picture and waved it and a little girl came running, screaming with delight.

Witt began photographing at the age of 11 when he said he found an old folding roll film camera in his attic.

"I've always loved and have been fascinated by light," Witt said. "When I found this old camera and started practicing with it something really clicked. No pun intended."

Witt said he gradually taught himself the rudiments of photography and took photos through high school and in college. He attended the University of Northern Iowa.

While attending the university Witt photographed for the newspaper the Northern Iowan.

"I tend to be a shy person and

photography gave me this wonderful entrée and it just sort of opened this door," Witt said. "Because now I had this tool that I could hang around my neck, look through and it allows me to introduce myself to people and get them to tell me stories."

After college Witt went into the Peace Corps where he was stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan. Witt said this was a new world and it opened up a completely different landscape, culture and people for him.

"It was like nothing I've never experienced," Witt said.

In his time in the Peace Corps, Witt went around to different villages and took photos of people and landscapes and always returned with a printed photo to give to his subjects.

Upon returning from the Peace Corps Witt held many different jobs. He worked at the UNI public relations department, held a state legislative position and continued to work as a photojournalist.

Where he had photos and essays published in various publications such as The Iowan Smithsonian Guides to Natural America.

In 2009, Witt published a book, "Enchanted by Prairies" which he said was the inspiration for the gallery now on display in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery.

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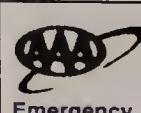
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Infinity singers hit the right note

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A single note rings from the piano and after a silent cue, the group starts to sing a comical variation of a popular Christmas carol.

Infinity is the newest a cappella ensemble on campus. Kevin Schneider, president of the group, started Infinity last year.

"I was talking with Dr. Nelson, and he just suggested that I get a group of people together who would be interested in singing in a small group," Schneider said. "I looked at what Wartburg had and what Wartburg didn't have."

What the school didn't have was a small ensemble that included men and women. So Schneider gathered seven other members of Wartburg Choir and got to work.

Andra Peeler said she was excited for another activity on campus when Schneider asked her to join Infinity. She said she liked the concept behind the group.

"The fact that we didn't have a mixed group already made it really intriguing," Peeler said.

The group has grown since it formed; it now has 12 members, all from Wartburg Choir.

With a group of 12, Schneider said, Infinity can still have the small group atmosphere with a full sound.

"When you look at professional ensembles like Chanticleer and others of that quality, you can see that



Infinity members (from left) Anne Bomgaars, Andra Peeler, Kyle Harms, Ryan Harms, Lexi Spain and Wes Carlson sing at rehearsal. The group of 12 performed this past weekend at the Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival and are preparing for their upcoming Valentine's Day concert. —Sam Anderson / TRUMPET

12 is a good number to go with," he said.

Infinity held auditions at the beginning of the year to find the right voices to blend with the group.

For practice, the group has managed to purchase some sheet music, but Schneider said pop sheet music can be hard to come by.

When the group wants to sing a song but they don't have the music, two of the group members, Peeler and Cody Osegard, put their own arrangements together.

"Basically what they do is they'll

listen to the song, they'll figure out the chord structures and then they'll assign parts to each of us and we learn them," Schneider said. "They've really taken charge on that."

Peeler said she likes having the ability to explore different genres and arrange original and fun versions of popular songs.

The group had a couple of concerts last year, including the Valentine's Day concert at Wartburg, which they'll be reprising this year. Schneider said that they have been

booked for a good number of shows in the community.

"This year, it's really blossomed with people from the community asking us to perform," he said. "To me that's really special. It's fun to do that service. You can tell people really appreciate it. To me, that's the most rewarding thing."

Schneider said the sky is the limit for the group, in regard to the music they sing to where they'll get to perform.

"It's really exciting," Peeler said. "The possibilities are infinite."

Meistersinger honor choir celebrates 25 years



A high school student sings a solo as part of the Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival. —Oxana Protchenko / TRUMPET

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Hundreds of high school students, Wartburg ensembles and a world-renown opera singer performed to a

High school students from around the Midwest were nominated by their choral directors and then selected by the Wartburg music department to participate.

This year, around 500 students were nominated. Director of Choral Activities Dr. Lee Nelson said it is the highest number they have received in recent years.

"It's a huge turnout for us," Nelson said. "We haven't had that big of a turnout in a number of years."

The all-day festival began with the participants rehearsing pieces they had previously received and would later be performing at the finale concert that night.

Nelson said that he was looking forward to the chance to work with a core group of students on "some really sophisticated repertoire."

Another part of the day included choosing high school soloists for the finale concert. Choral directors chose potential soloists from their schools in advance. These students participated in a voice master class that was held during the day.

Approximately 20 students were chosen this year. During the day they each received a voice lesson over a piece they brought.

They then sang for a group of six of their peers and four voice faculty members. They received feedback and the voice teachers decided on the soloists to be featured at the concert.

Alex Zyert, a soloist from

crowd nearly filling Neumann Auditorium last Saturday.

The annual Meistersinger Honor Choir Festival celebrated its 25th anniversary this year and a record number of students participated.

Winona, Minn., said he appreciated being picked to perform.

"It was a great honor for me to be selected as a student soloist," Zyert said. "It was great to be picked among so many other talented students and to really be able to showcase my talents."

Throughout the day, Wartburg students rehearsed with the high school students. The musical groups Festeburg and Infinity performed mini-concerts for the participants.

The large group of both high school and Wartburg students then performed together on stage for the crowd later that night.

Wartburg Choir member and Infinity performer Chad Nelsen spoke about being eager to work with the participants. He said he was "looking forward to showing the high school kids what choir here is all about."

Nelson said the high school students weren't the only ones who benefitted from the day.

"It's great for our music education students to see first hand how to run a festival," Nelson said.

Nelson said the biggest benefit of the festival, however, is what he hopes the participants took away from the day.

"It provides an outlet for the leaders to come together and sing with other students," Nelson said.

"Hopefully it motivates them to bring back the things they learned here to their own program."

A day in the life series: Edith Waldstein

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On a day-to-day basis, Edith Waldstein works to keep enrollment high at Wartburg, encouraging students to attend her own alma mater.

Waldstein is vice president for enrollment management on campus. She plans for the optimal enrollment of the college and looks at recruiting and enrolling new students.

"We do what we need to do to serve them and teach them well enough that they stay through till graduation," Waldstein said.

Each day of work for Waldstein is different. Her duties include looking at data for enrollment, making goals for recruitment and working closely with Admissions, Financial Aid, the Registrar, Pathways Center and Information Technology Services.

"I meet with the directors of each of the offices I mentioned and I have one-on-one meetings with them to talk about how things are going in their areas," Waldstein said.

Waldstein also deals with student information. Students go to her for approval of petitions for variances of college policies.

"If a student feels that they need an exception to a college policy, those requests are made to me and I review those," Waldstein said.

Waldstein also works on different committees at Wartburg. She is in charge of informing the Admissions and Scholarship committee and the Retention committee about enrollment decisions.

Waldstein is the campus liaison for the Davis Scholars, a large group of international students who come from high schools called United World Colleges.

Waldstein said she does her best to make the transition into college life as smooth as possible.

Waldstein has worked at Wartburg for 23 years. Before working at the school, Waldstein was a student at Wartburg. She graduated in 1973.

Waldstein went to graduate school at Washington University and earned her master's and Ph.D. in German. She taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for about 10 years before returning to Wartburg, where she said she likes the clear mission and identity.

"I really like the way the Lutheran heritage has translated itself into an academic and intellectual tradition that encompasses service, hands on learning and a real commitment to community while at the same time providing a quality liberal arts education," Waldstein said.

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Men's basketball splits IIAC games

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The Wartburg men's basketball team won two non-conference games before Christmas but lost their first three IIAC games of 2012.

On Saturday the Knights traveled to Dubuque to take on the Loras Duhawks.

Wartburg jumped out to a 17-5 lead just seven minutes into the game and did not look back. The Knights never trailed as they ended their three game losing skid with a 73-66 victory.

"We did a good job of getting out to a quick start, but the most important thing was we took care of the ball," said assistant coach Jason Steege. The Knights had just nine turnovers for the game.

Jordan Sathoff led the Knights with 28 points and nine rebounds, including going 10-10 at the free throw line.

Mitch Murphy pitched in with a career high 19 points and had five rebounds and four assists.

"Jordan's been great for us all year," Steege said, "he's done a nice job of not forcing things and taking shots that are available and being assertive on the offensive end."

The Knights (8-8, 2-5) shot 42.6 percent from the field and held the Duhawks (4-11, 1-5) to 36.4 percent shooting while also forcing 14 turnovers. Wartburg

also held an advantage in the rebounding category, 36-20.

The Knights returned home Wednesday for a game with Dubuque, who is undefeated in IIAC play. Wartburg trailed by double digits for most of the game but battled back in the second half before falling to the Spartans, 71-66.

Sathoff led the team with 25 points, six rebounds, and two blocks. Thomas Perkins was also in double figures for the Knights with 10 points.

The Spartans were led by a balanced attack of Lee Piccinelli, Mitch Michaelis, and Chris Frazier who scored 18, 15 and 13 points respectively.

Darian Patterson and Perkins hit back-to-back threes for Wartburg to cut the lead to three with less than five minutes to play.

Perkins came up big for the Knights once again when he hit a mid-range jumper with 1:21 to tie the game for the first time since the opening tip-off.

Michaelis made one of two free throws on the next possession to take a 67-66 lead giving the Knights an opportunity for their first lead of the game. Murphy drove to the lane but his shot came up just short and the Spartans converted on four free throws in a row to win.

Steege was encouraged by the team's second half performance, "We were pleased with the way

we responded, we didn't come out with the type of energy and emotion we needed obviously in a big game like that but we did a nice job of fighting back a little bit and giving ourselves a chance at the end of the game," Steege said.

Wartburg is now 8-8 overall and 2-5 in the Iowa Conference.

The Knights will face off against Cornell and their leading scorer Reggie Greenwood, who has 220 total points this year and is averaging 14.7 points per game.

Then Wartburg will make the second half turn on Saturday and see the Simpson team for the second time this season.

The last time the Knights saw the Storm, Wartburg came out with the win 81-76.

Sathoff had 28 points in the contest and was 10-14 shooting.

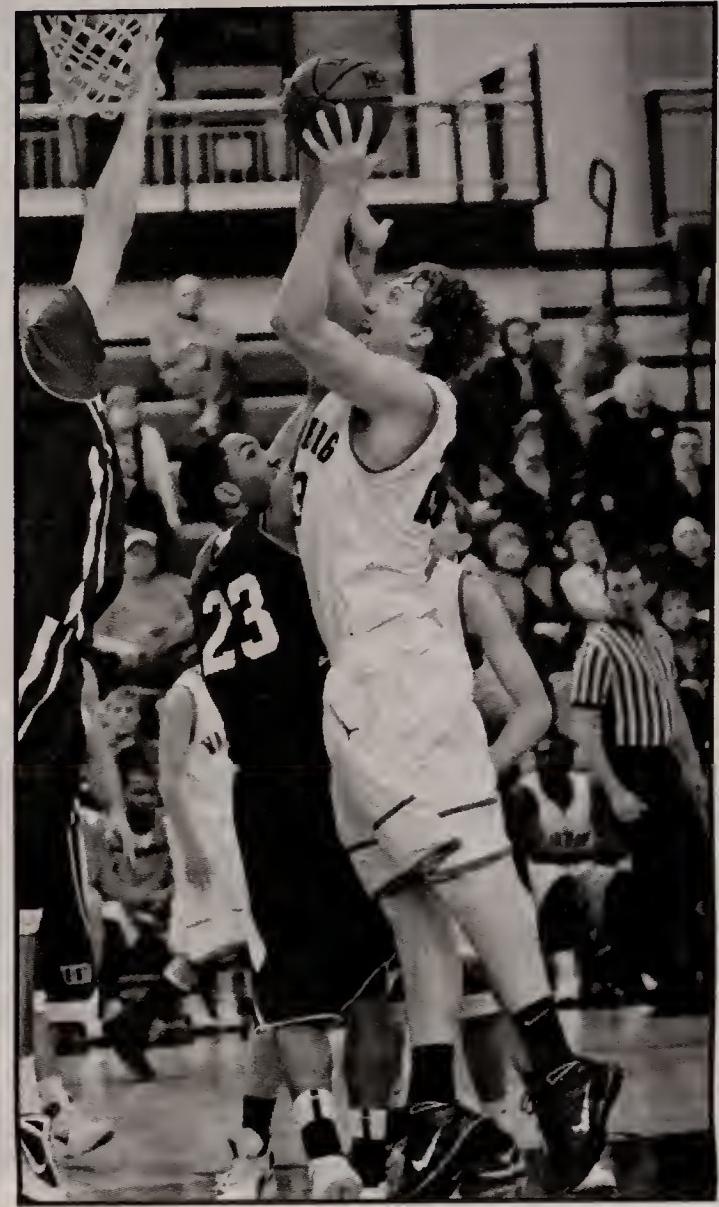
The game was filled with fouls as well, with both teams picking up one technical each and had a total of 55 fouls.

The Knights had 28 fouls, while the Storm had 27.

Simpson's top player was Chad Boston with 24 points and was 10-13 shooting.

The Knights also had five steals in the game, and only had nine turnovers to Simpson's 15.

The Knights will face Cornell at home on Monday at 8:00 and will then travel to Simpson for a matchup with the Storm on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.



Jordan Sathoff goes up for a shot against Dubuque. He leads the Knights in scoring this year averaging 20.8 points per game.—Sports Information

Track ready for new season

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The 2012 men and women's Indoor track season has arrived and head coach Marcus Newsom said both the men and women's teams are "hungry."

The women are coming off being runners-up in both indoor and outdoor last year, but the United States Track and Field preseason top 25 places them No. 1 in nation.

The No. 1 standing is sure to incite excitement and talk among spectators and competitors alike, Newsom said.

"That number really means nothing if our women are not focusing on a very high level of humility and also a commitment to what it takes to really earn this season's number one ranking," Newsom said.

With the women ranked so high, it may be easy to overlook the men who are ranked, for the first time ever, in the pre-season rankings.

The men are ranked 11th in the nation, but Newsom said he and his men have set their sights even higher for this season.

Despite both his and the team's success and resulting humility in regards to the standings, Newsom is more than willing to tout the talents and work ethic of the athletes he leads.

Newsom said he has a great group of women this year for his

team, but it is the seniors who will need to lead the team through the season.

"They all, to some degree, have performed at a high level in their own right," Newsom said. "We have some who have never been to a national heat, but that doesn't mean they aren't capable of getting there."

Each woman brings something to the track Newsom said, but the senior women aren't the only ones to watch out for. There is talent in every class that is going to be working hard and focusing in on the final goal.

The same goes for the men's team where leaders and competitors are more than prevalent.

The Knights sent four events

and five athletes to the outdoor national meet and two events and three athletes to the indoor meet, and bring back all but one of the individual qualifiers.

There is also a new class of freshmen who are making their way onto the track, which Newsom said he feels good about.

"They're good, really good," Newsom said.

There are four indoor meets at home this season, including the Wartburg relays this past Friday which the men and women both competed against Buena Vista University and Simpson and won nine events each.

The Knights will go to Iowa State this weekend, before returning home in two weeks to host the two



Tashina McAllister (center) runs in the 60 meter hurdles Friday night in the Field House. McAllister finished second.—Sports Information

Kickers under pressure have ice in their veins

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Let's rewind, the Sugar Bowl between Michigan and Virginia Tech, although they both had no reason being in a BCS bowl, went to overtime, and it was decided by a 37-yard boot by the kicker to give Michigan the win.

Rewind a little further to the Fiesta Bowl between Stanford and Oklahoma State. To win the game in regulation, Stanford needed a 35-yard field goal from their kicker, and he missed it.

So he got another shot to win the game in overtime with a 43-yard field goal, this comes after he had already missed a 41 yarder in the first quarter.

He gets lined up, hold goes down and he misses.

Three games determined by the field goal kickers, and people wonder why they are head cases.

Despite the missed field goals

from these kickers, I can think of no other sports position, maybe other than a goalie in either hockey or soccer that requires ice in the veins like the football kicker.

People always talk about how the quarterback or the running-back made that play happen and how they are the stars, but when it comes down to the end of the game with three seconds left, no timeouts and down by two, it is the kicker who takes the field with 50,000 plus eyes staring.

In the words of Adam Sandler's song the Lonesome Kicker, "People think it's so easy, to kick a field goal from the 30 yard line, they forget to add seven yards for the snap, and 10 more 'cause the goal posts are pushed way back."

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Thursday	Wrestling vs. Luther
Friday	M/W Track and Field @ Iowa State
Saturday	M/W Basketball @ Simpson
	Wrestling vs. Cornell
	M/W Track and Field @ Iowa State

Track and Field host relays
The Knights start off the season hosting two IIAC schools at home relays.

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Wrestling extends IIAC dual win streak

Wartburg beats BVU and wins their sixth National Dual

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The Wartburg wrestling team took three titles at the Cornell open this weekend, one week after they won their second consecutive National Dual title, and extended their conference dual win streak to 153 duals.

The Knights finished second in the team title with 94 points, 59 points behind team champion Coe.

"Of the starters we took three guys, and I was really impressed with our young guys," co-head coach Eric Keller said. "It was a good opportunity for our young guys to step up, and for the most part they did."

The Knights champions were fifth ranked Brad Banks and Ben Scott who both met in the championship match at 174 pounds, and Byron Tate who won the 197-pound weight class.

The Knight's placed six wrestlers in the top six of their weight classes for the meet.

"We've been talking about everyone wrestling at their best at one time, and we didn't win every match, but we're getting close to it,"



The Wartburg Knights championship wrestling team holds the trophy after their second consecutive National Dual title. The Knights defeated No. 4 and No. 2 in the nation to win the duals and only lost six matches out of 40. The Knights held opponents to nine points or less. — Sports Information

Keller said.

One week prior to the win, the Knights went undefeated at the NWCA to take their second consecutive National Dual title.

The Knights had to defeat No. 4

UW-LaCrosse and No. 2 Augsburg in the last two rounds of the Duals.

The No. 1 ranked Knights wrestled Augsburg in the championship match, and defeated them 29-6 and only lost the 165-pound and

285-pound weight class.

In the match against LaCrosse the Knights won all the weight class except, 133 pounds, 141 pounds and 174 pounds.

Earlier in the week, the Knights

also faced off against Buena Vista in a conference dual and beat the Beavers 32-7.

The Knights will take on Luther at home on Thursday. The first match is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Editors Take: Kickers have it tough

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With college football over, we have seen many crazy games, plays and feats, but many teams' fate were decided by one special shooed player, the kicker.

They are not revered by anyone, hardly anyone buys their jerseys, except for maybe a super fan or their family, and they are the only players on the field that get iced.

They are also the only player on the field that relies on everyone else to make sure they can do their job. The line must block, the center has to give a good snap and the ball must be held right.

This year, more than any other year I have witnessed, I saw more bowl games won or lost by the kicker.

Let's start with the obvious one, the BCS National Championship. Alabama scored all of their points, except for their last and only touchdown, off their kicker. He even had a field goal blocked, shanked another and missed an extra point.



Holly Halstead attempts to drive past Dubuque defenders on Wednesday. The Spartans held the Knights to just 43 points.— Sports Information

Women's basketball beat Loras, falls to UD

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The Wartburg women's basketball team went 1-1 last week, losing at home to Dubuque, and beating Loras.

The Knights traveled to Dubuque on Saturday to play the Duhawks and defeated them 79-59. The Knights shot 18 percent better than Loras.

Stephanie Reiter scored a career high 22 points to lead the Knights, including 17 in the first half. Reiter shot 100 percent beyond the arc, converting on all four attempts.

Wartburg shot 60 percent from the field and over 76 percent from three, both season highs. Loras shot just 42.9 percent and 27.8 percent in those respective categories.

The Knights started the game on a 15-0 run in the first four and a half minutes. The Duhawks cut the lead to eight at one point but that's as close as they got as Wartburg went into the half leading 42-27.

"We went in there having that let down against Dubuque and we were fired up to get the win," said senior Emily Timmermans. "It is the mid point of the season and we needed to make the decision whether or not to stay at the top of the conference

or let it get away from us."

The Knights had four players with double digit scoring totals, led by Reiter. Terri Dirks added 17 points while grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out three assists.

On Wednesday the Knights faced Dubuque at home but lost by a slim margin, 49-43.

The Knights' Leslie Wilson led all scorers with 12 points and also recorded a double-double with 11 rebounds. Reiter had 8 points, 6 rebounds, and 5 assists for the Knights.

The Knights struggled shooting on the evening, shooting just over 26 percent from the field.

Timmermans said Dubuque's defense was a key reason for their struggles.

"Coaches just fired us up and practiced against the zone, because Dubuque came out against the zone and we weren't really ready for it," Timmermans said.

The Spartans shot better from the field than the Knights, shooting nearly 35 percent from the field for the game. Dubuque outscored Wartburg in the paint, doubling the Knights total with a 20-10 advantage..

The Knights will host Cornell on Monday. Tip-off is set for 6 p.m.